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DEPARTMENT FOR "A" AND WHITE HOUSE FOR RUSTAND/HENKEL

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TAGS: OVIP (FOR, GERALD R.)

SUBJ: US-PRE-ADVANCE PARTY

1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND TWO EMBASSY OFFICERS HAD MEETING THIS MORNING WITH CHERNYSHEV, DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESIDENT'S VISIT AND WHO WILL BE HEADING SOVIET TEAM MEETING PRE-ADVANCE PARTY IN VLADIVOSTOK. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION CHERNYSHEV STATED THAT SOVIET SIDE PLANS TO MEET WITH ADVANCE TEAM ON EVENING OF 10TH, 11TH, AND EVEN 12TH, IF NECESSARY, AND AFTERWARD RETURN MOSCOW. NO ONE WILL REMAIN AT SITE UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, HE ADDED. WHEN TOLD THAT SOVIETS HAD ALREADY BEEN NOTIFIED THAT U.S. PRE-ADVANCE TEAM WAS PLANNING TO REMAIN IN VLADIVOSTOK TO HELP SET UP THE VISIT, CHERNYSHEV STATED THAT THIS WAS NOT NECESSARY AND THAT "NO PLANS WERE BEING MADE" FOR THIS. HE ADDED THAT PRESIDENT'S WORKING SESSION WAS "UNOFFICIAL VISIT" AND THAT SOVIETS WOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. IN RESPONSE TO ATTEMPTS TO EXPLAIN DIFFICULTIES WHICH THIS WOULD ENTAIL AND REPEATED STATEMENTS THAT THIS WOULD CLEARLY BE UNACCEPTABLE TO OUR SIDE, CHERNYSHEV INSISTED THAT THIS MATTER HAD ALREADY "BEEN DECIDED."

2. FURTHER POINTS RAISED IN CONVERSATION WILL BE
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